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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/967,109	Applicant(s) SMITH, TREVOR VERNON	
	Examiner Nini F. Legesse	Art Unit 3711	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Nini F. Legesse. (3) _____

(2) Attorney Amy E. Rinaldo. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 15 December 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1-24,27 and 28.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 5,890,968 to Mingo, US 5,919,097 to Cole, US 5,785,603 to Lazier, and GB 1/322,274 to Oppenheimer.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Steven Wong

Primary Examiner
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: During the course of the interview, claims 1-24, 27, and 28 were discussed as they relate to the prior art of record. Applicant's representative, Ms. Rinaldo specifically explained that the Mingo reference does not meet the structural limitations of the claims. In conclusion, it was agreed that any amendment and argument that Applicant would provide in response to the office action would be considered upon submission and Examiner will contact Applicant's representative if there is any allowable subject matter and/ or suggestion for claim language.